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Interview Summary

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(2) Emmanuel Moise.

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Date of Interview: 15 October 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 76.

Identification of prior art discussed: Tso et al., US Patent No. 6,088,803.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.


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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Becker (Attorney of Record) discussed proposed amendments in order to distinguish over the Tso et al. reference. Specifically, Mr. Becker proposed specifying that a storage server directly receives a request from a client, where that storage server consults a processing device (which is not in the path between the user and the object) in order to determine whether or not to perform a particular operation, where the determination is based on the access level associated with the user and the file space. Examiner will consider these amendments and take these points into consideration when the amendment is filed.